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## Apostle Islands News Release

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### MAINLAND TRAIL CLOSED DUE TO BEAR ACTIVITY

Effective June 9, 2008, Park Superintendent Bob Krumenaker has closed Apostle Islands National Lakeshore's Mainland Trail to all visitor use due to bear activity. All locations along this popular trail, which begins at Meyers Beach, are closed. No hiking along this trail and no camping at the trail's only campsite (located four miles from the trailhead) will be allowed until further notice.

During the days prior to June 9th, a mother black bear and her two cubs were frequenting the Meyers Beach parking lot. It was learned that they were feeding on a deer along the trail. The sow exhibited aggressive behavior including bluff charging, which is a normal behavior as she defends her food source. This closure reduces the chances of undesirable interactions between this mother bear and her two young with park visitors.

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